Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—20 for, 13 against, and 2 neutrals.

5. Roads and thoroughfares.

As Mr. K. T. Mathew was absent, the fotlowing resolution and amendments were considered withdrawn :—

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—"*This Council requests theGovernment to throw open all roaas and thoroughfares under the control of the Government to all classes of people, irrespective of caste or creed*".

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—*Omit "all roads and thoroughfares" and substitute 'everything'*"

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—*Add after "thoroughfares" and before "under the control, etc.," "the words except within the Trippunittura fort."*

6. Loans of the Government.

Deputy President.—The next resolution stands in the name of Mr. Thomas Manjuran.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The resolution that stands in my name is this. This may be taken as read.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Please read it.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—"*This Council recommends that, in view of various allegations made in this House and outside, a committee of this House, together with such experts as may be necessary in individual cases, be appointed to go into the question of the various loans given by the Government, out of public funds, specially to consider the question of adequacy of security in each case, and recommend the collection or otherwise of the individual loans as the committee aeems necessary, in the best interests of the safety of the funds advanced and in relation with public advantage. The committee may also be asked to report upon the policy and method to be adopted in connection with future loans as well.*"

This resolution was necessitated on account of certain set of facts. It has been brought to the notice of this House, and all of us know, that in the Cochin Tanneries there is a very large amount outstanding as loans advanced by the Government. More than one Member has stated in this House that that money has to be reckoned as almost lost. Another instance was also brought to the notice of the House during the last meeting and even previous meetings, namely, of a very large amount advanced to a limited liability Co. in Trichur. At that time, when a reference was made during a previous sitting, the loan had been very long overdue,—both principal and interest. I understand that interest has been paid since. That does not mitigate the fact that over 3½ lakhs has been long overdue.

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